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An, et at.

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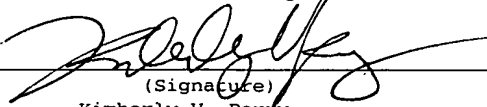
In response to the Official Action mailed August 15, 2000, in which Claims 27-33 were allowed, 1-3 and 5-26 were rejected, and Claim 4 was objected to, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

4. (Amended) A corpectomy device, comprising:
- a) a first member having a longitudinal axis;
 - b) a second member moveable in an axial direction with respect to said first member; and
 - c) a locking clip engagable with said first member and said second member and moveable between a first unlocked position and a second locked position for locking said first member and

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